

**BOROUGH OF WIND GAP  
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The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President, Scott Parsons, at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Councilmen: John Maher, Dave Hess, George Hinton, Joe Weaver and Tony Curcio. Also in attendance were Mayor James M. Shoemaker and Borough Administrator Louise Firestone. Absent was Councilman Kerry Gassler.

Council President Scott Parsons reminded those present that a special meeting will be held this Thursday, May 19, 2011 for the sole purpose of awarding the bid for the Park "Improvements to the Wind Gap Borough Recreation Courts" funded by the Open Space Initiative.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one appeared before Council at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. EMS – Kerry Gassler was absent.
2. Fire Co. – Dave Hess reported that the Fire Company responded to 14 calls in the month of April – (3 dwelling fires, 4 accidents, 1 fire alarm, 2 wire calls, 2 EMS calls, 1 tree down, 1 carbon monoxide alarm). The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a car wash at the Firehouse on July 17, 2011.  
**On motion** by Dave Hess to approve the Wind Gap Fire Company's Ladies' Auxiliary to hold a car wash on July 17, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.  
Dave reported that Sean Shoemaker resigned as First Assistant Fire Chief. Brent Shoemaker was promoted from Second Assistant to First Assistant Fire Chief and Josh Lutes was named Lieutenant. The issue regarding a residency requirement was discussed at the Fire Company meeting last night. Dave asked that the Borough Ordinances be reviewed to substantiate the residency claim.  
Dave reported that the Firemen's' Carnival is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7 through Saturday, June 11, 2011.
3. Zoning – Tony Curcio reported that the Zoning Hearing Board will not meet in June because no new applications have been submitted. Scott stated that he had a question for the Zoning Officer regarding a home occupation and her interpretation is that the definition in the Borough's Zoning Ordinance is not clear enough for enforcement. Scott asked Tony to discuss this topic with the Zoning Officer and if necessary Council may have to review and clarify the ordinance.
4. Planning - Scott Parsons reported that no meeting was held in May. The Planning Commission received plans from Brown Daub regarding changes inside their property boundaries. Scott reported that the new Verizon Store has opened.

5. Municipal Authority – John Maher reported that he had nothing to report at this time. He does plan on explaining Council's expectations at the next meeting of the Municipal Authority regarding the street/alley restoration.
6. Streets – George Hinton reported that the street workers were instructed to fix the spouting on the Wind Gap Ambulance building. The materials were priced out for spouting and brackets at a cost of \$1,400 for the Borough to do the work. They were told to
7. Police – Mayor Shoemaker reported that the Police Department responded to 111 calls for the month of December, 5 animal complaints, 9 motor vehicle accidents and issued 12 traffic citations. Officer Flad was involved in a traffic accident with the Ford SUV. Kerry stated that the vehicle took a good shot, because he saw the accident. Officer Flad was turning into Turkey Hill and guy just hit him, no brakes or anything. Kerry picked up the bumper and asked Officer Flad if he was alright. He asked what the policy is when a police vehicle is involved in an accident. Chief Armitage stated that the State Police must investigate, but they were busy with weather related accidents and a bank robbery so Pen Argyll Police responded just to get insurance information. The parts have been ordered to repair the SUV. The Civil Service Commission will meet before the next meeting.
8. Park – Joe Weaver reported .
9. 911 – Tony Curcio had nothing to report.
10. Tipping Fees - Tony Curcio reported that the tipping fee committee (Tony, George, Joe) met to discuss reallocating the tipping fees.
11. Property Maintenance Code – Scott Parsons reported that the committee met last week and Brian Pysher was in the process of setting up a meeting with the Bangor Borough Code Official.
12. Building Finance Committee – Scott Parsons stated that a meeting with Mike Goffredo should be scheduled once he returns from Florida.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Shoemaker reported that the Slate Belt COG will meet on January 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Elementary School. They will be electing officers and discussing plans for this year. The Mayor was contacted by a concerned citizen regarding the lack of stop signs in the new development off of South Broadway on First Street. Council discussed contacting the developer to install the required stop signs and if they are not installed whether the Borough should install them from a safety and liability standpoint even though the street has not been turned over to the Borough and ordained.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business before Council at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**On motion** by Tony Curcio to adjourn the meeting of May 17, 2011 and seconded by John Maher. Council agreed unanimously.

The meeting of May 17, 2011 adjourned at 8:6 p.m.

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Louise Firestone, Borough Administrator